I flatter myſelf, that this ſhort account of theſe matters will not be diſagreeable to you; and am, with the moſt profound reſpect,

Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

Lincoln's-Inn-Fields,
Dec. 20, 1732.

W. Watſon.

XCVI. *Extract of a Letter from Mr.* Brown, *Apothecary, at* Salisbury, *to Mr.* Wm. Watſon, *F. R. S. concerning the Succeſs of* Inoculation *there.*

Read Dec. 21, 1752, and here printed with Additions:

I AM much obliged to you for the obſervations, which you were ſo kind as to ſend me, concerning the method of inoculating for the ſmall-pox, and the ſubſequent treatment of that diſtemper. This I ſhould not have deferred till now, but that I was deſirous of ſending you ſome account of our ſucceſs therein.

Since the receipt of your letter, inoculating has been very much practiſed here, and with great ſucceſs; of which the account I now ſend may be looked upon as pretty authentic. From the 13 of Auguſt, to the beginning of February, have been inoculated, in this city and neighbourhood, four hundred and twenty-two perſons. On five or ſix of theſe, to my knowlege, it had no effect; though on one the experiment was tried a ſecond time.

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Of this whole number four have died; one of which was a patient of mine, who, I am inclined to think, did not do juſtice to this method: but that is ſubmitted to better judgment; for the day, on which the operation was performed, the patient's blood had been heated violently by exerciſe, and ſuddenly chill'd again, by putting on clean linen, juſt before the operation was performed; which, I apprehend, is receiving the infection in an inflamed ſtate of blood: but with this I was not the leaſt acquainted, till about ſix hours before the patient's death.